

20 March 1975

The meeting of the Oconee County Council was opened with prayer by Robert Ramey.

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously adopted by Council upon a motion by Hercial Moore and seconded by Buddy Herring.

Jack Lister scheduled to talk about communications for the County did not attend.

K. H. White, Architect of Clemson, proposed to do a feasibility study in regard to the new jail. Chairman Bailes asked Mr. White to give Council a letter advising the cost of this study.

Jim Turner of Bayshore requested Council to apply for a regional grant of approximately ^{\$100,000} \$100.00 for fire hydrants and water system for their community through the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974. Chairman Bailes assigned this to the Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Thomas for study.

June Black, Civil Defense Director requested Council to sign the Action Plan. ^{This was} approved upon a motion by Hercial Moore, seconded by Buddy Herring. All members signed this plan. Mr. Black also stated that he needed to dispost of some vehicles and get others. Council advised him to first dispose of property by advertisement for bids. Then they would discuss the purchase of equipment. EOC Headquarters set up in the basement of the City Hall was discussed.

Council voted unanimously to dispense rules and allow Bobby Edwards and the Walhalla Jaycees (not on Agenda) to give a report of the plans of the Walhalla Jaycees to do some renovation, repair roof, paint, etc. of the old Walhalla Elementary School Auditorium. They requested Councils help on this project. Chairman Bailes requested the Jaycees to submit a price cost priority to Council for consideration and was referred to Intergovernmental Committee.

Richard Lay gave a report to Council of his inspection of the newly constructed jail at Newberry.

Committee reports:

Councilman Harold Thomas requested Council to discuss medical problems at the Camp such as dental work, glasses, etc. and come up with a policy for such for Supervisor Phinney.

A road that is used only by jeep enthusiast and one farmer who has a pasture had been reported as impassable and in need of repair. Council agreed that some roads such as this should be abandoned and that would appear in the survey being made as Hercial Barnett maps County roads.

Magistrate D. M. Hamby told Council he along with Magistrates L. J. McCarley and Oscar Graham plan to attend a three (3) day school at the Police Academy beginning Monday, Mar 31st and requested a small allowance for expenses. A motion was entered by Mr. Moore to allow the Magistrates \$25.00 each for the 3 day session. This was seconded by Mr. Ramey. All in favor.

Upon a motion by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Ramey, the name of the Old Health Building is to remain "Public Service Building". All members were in favor. They did say tho that on the end should be painted County Council office.

Council decided to group all the repair jobs needed to the Courthouse and other public buildings and secure bids on the jobs.

Councilman Ramey made a motion for appointment of the following to the Aeronautics Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Time to Expire</u>
John Harper	4-1-77
T. A. Campbell	4-1-77
J. P. Booker	4-1-78
Ross Davis	4-1-78
Jerry Wigington	4-1-79
Terry Williams	4-1-79
J. Harold Thomas	Ex-officio member

This motion was seconded by Mr. Moore. All in favor.

Mr. Ramey made a motion for the Council Chairman and Clerk to sign a lease agreement leasing approximately 15 acres of bottom land belonging to Oconee County located near Lakeview Rest Home to Cliff Reid for a period of 2 years. This received a second from Councilman Moore. All members were in favor.

Robert Ramey requested County Council submit a resolution to oppose further restriction on the Chattooga River and to make the river more acceptable for recreation. This resolution is to be sent to the Legislature. This was seconded by Mr. Moore. All Council in favor.

Council agreed to write a letter of appreciation to C. Dick Plyler of the Oconee Planning Commission, Mayor Bob Gaillard of Walhalla, and the State Development Board endorsing their efforts in trying to get people back to work.

Buddy Herring read two opinions, one from County Attorney, the other from the Attorney General in regard to payment of employers contribution for employees establishing prior years service. All members voted yes in favor of this procedure with the exception of Chairman Bailes who voted no.

Bids for termite treatment for the Social Service Building were opened, but not awarded.

The personnel policy received second reading and was accepted by the entire Council. It is to begin April 1. The motion to accept it was made by Councilman Ramey and seconded by Mr. Moore.

Chairman Bailes requested Council's permission for the Telephone Company to make a study of the County Telephone system considering the installation of a PBX system. There would be no charge for the study. Mr. Moore made the motion for the study and it was seconded by Mr. Ramey. All Council members voted in favor.

Councilman Ramey gave Council a brief summary of the Council's observation of the Spartanburg Tax program.

Robert Ramey moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.